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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 15 September 1981

The Director chaired the meeting. []

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The Director reported consultations have begun on E.O. 12036. He further noted the Identities bill, which was to be acted upon today by the Senate Judiciary Committee, probably will not be considered until next week although it is still on the Committee's agenda for today. []

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The Director said the Agency will probably come out better than anticipated following the latest budget cuts by the President but we still have to wait and see what the budget's impact will be for 1982 programs. A general discussion ensued on the budget. []

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The Director noted he will testify before the SSCI on 16 September and before the HPSCI on 17 September. He said the HPSCI is interested in covert action and Wilson/Terpil while the SSCI wants to be briefed on [] and the Wilson/Terpil case. []

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[] reported he will be receiving FY 1983 NFIP budget submissions today. []

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[] told the Director the IG Staff will be forwarding material he requested on the Wilson/Terpil matter. []

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Gates discussed problems involved in preparing Congressional testimony for the Director this week and noted shortcomings in its quality. He added that most of the testimony has been submitted to [] without ever having been seen by the Deputy Directors and suggested that in the future all testimony be given a final approval by the Deputy Directors to ensure the quality of content. The Director agreed and noted he felt the papers he received were not very good. []

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The Director commended McMahon on his position re economic aid to Poland --one of the agenda items for today's NSC meeting. []

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The Director announced that Hugh Montgomery will be the new Director of INR. []

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The Director said he is increasingly concerned about terrorism and particularly the Libyan connection. In response to his question about the IIM on terrorism, [] said a draft has been prepared and is ready for consideration. []

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Lipton reported he will be forwarding the CIA budget today to [] and that this will be the last ZBB exercise. []

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Lipton told the Director he will be forwarding information on covert action activities for his background so that he will not be taken by surprise at the HPSCI or SSCI hearings. []

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Admiral Inman discussed coordination and noted that the Office of Policy and Planning was created to keep abreast of all Congressional actions with respect to CIA. Admiral Inman asked attendees to ensure that all contacts with Congressmen, Senators, or their staffs are recorded with the External Affairs Staff.

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